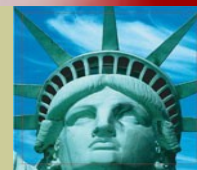




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Going Green!

The U.S. Consulate General Celebrates Earth Day



Consular Chief, Stuart Wilson, takes Public Outreach Coordinator, Tara Cummins, for a spin in the Consulate General's bakfiets.

Recognizing a golden opportunity to leverage traditional Dutch technology to promote reduction in petroleum consumption, Consulate General (CG) Amsterdam recently purchased a "bakfiets," a distinctively Dutch contraption that resembles a high-tech tricycle for grown-ups. The bakfiets has revolutionized the CG Maintenance Technician's ability to make short trips to CG staff residences and enabled CG staff to transport materials for representational events.

With the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, the U.S. Consulate General was pleased to show off their own efforts to "go green." The office of Secretary of State Clinton requested pictures of the bakfiets used to get around town. The photo was included in a presentation given at an Earth Day event on April 19, 2010. Happy to oblige, Consular Section Chief, Stuart Wilson could be seen hauling staff around the Museumplein and everyone proudly displayed their own bikes in front of the building.



Celebrate Independence Day! **July 4, 2010.**

The U.S. Consulate General invites you to celebrate Independence Day this Sunday July 4, 2010, from, 15h00 – 18h00 at the American Baseball Foundation in Wassenaar. U.S. Marines will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs and there will be activities for the whole family! For more information visit our website at, amsterdam.usconsulate.gov.



Proud Consulate General employees with their bicycles

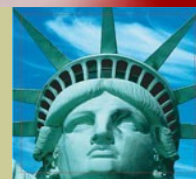
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walk
to create a world free of MS

You can bring us closer to a world free of MS! Walk MS is fun with an important purpose. We walk to make a powerful statement — to keep us moving toward a cure.

U kunt ons dichterbij een MS-vrijewereld brengen! "Walk MS" heeft een belangrijk doel. We lopen om een krachtige boodschap neer te zetten — we zullen doorgaan voor een wereld zonder MS.

walk MS
walk to create a world free of MS

Walk MS Amsterdam
Sunday, June 27
Late Registration 800 – 945
Walk begins at 1000
Sloterpark
President Allendelaan 4, 1064 Amsterdam

Sloterplas Festival
City of Amsterdam

Please visit walkMSamsterdam.org for more information and to register for the event.

Celebrating International Adoptions!

Are you a U.S. citizen parent who has adopted a foreign-born child?

Are you a Dutch parent who has adopted a U.S.-born child?

If yes, please join us for a celebration of international adoptions on Saturday June 5.

We'll have refreshments and family activities. For more information, send an email to, PublicOutreachAMS@state.gov.

Problems & Opportunities

A Seminar Presented by

The Association of Americans Resident Overseas



Wednesday May 19, 2010.

The AARO, in cooperation with the U.S. Consulate General, will be hosting seminars in both Den Haag and Amsterdam about important issues facing American residents living abroad. A variety of speakers will discuss issues like Social Security benefits, representation in Washington DC, U.S. taxes and reporting requirements, and Citizenship and voting rights. Our own American Citizen Services Chief, Dan King, will also be speaking about what services the Consulate General offers to American residents in The Netherlands.

The seminars are open to the public and those whom attend will have the opportunity to speak with the panel afterward to discuss the issues presented.

ABC Treehut – Den Haag

Time: 14h00 – 16h00

ABC Treehouse – Amsterdam

Time: 20:00 – 22h00

Cost: gratis entry!

please sign up via www.aaro.org

Email: jim.mcevoy@ustaxabroad.com

Website: www.aaro.org

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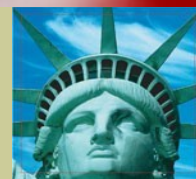
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Consul General Julie Ruterbories Presents Expat of the Year Award!

On March 23, the first ever “Expat Awards” were presented at a ceremony held at the Nyenrode Business University. Sponsored by Expatica, The Netherlands Financial Investment Agency, Nyenrode Business University and Undutchables, the awards were created to recognize the efforts and successes of individuals and organizations in the expat community in the Netherlands. The winners were selected by a jury based on the nomination and online votes. Consul General Ruterbories was a member of the jury together with –Serv Wiemers, Director of Investment Climate & Promotion at the Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency; Girish P. Ramachandran, Chief Strategy Officer at Tata; Robert Martijnse, Director and Partner at Kilpatrick Executive Search/IESF, and Desiree van Gorp, Head International Department at Nyenrode Business University and presented the award for Expat of the Year to Ms. Sueli Brodin. Consul General Ruterbories noted that Ms. Brodin was unanimously selected by the jury in recognition of her “obvious dedication to both the expat and Dutch communities and her unique ability to build bridges between both groups.”

For more information on Sueli Brodin and the other winners visit the expatica website at, www.expatica.com.

Voting Assistance Workshop - June 29, 2010.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) will be holding Voting Assistance Workshops on Tuesday June 29, 2010, from 13h00 – 15h00, at the [ABC Treehouse](#) in Amsterdam. Entry is free and Consul General Julie Ruterbories will be opening with a few remarks.

The workshop targets persons that provide American voting assistance abroad and American organizations overseas. It will last approximately two hours and is an interactive, hands-on training session with the participants asking questions and making comments as the workshop progresses.

Many thanks to Donna DuCarme from the [ABC Treehouse](#) who will also hold a special follow-up workshop on Saturday July 3, 2010, from 14h00 – 16h00 for those unable to attend the official workshop.

For more information and registration, please send an email to, AmsterdamOutreach@state.gov.

Know Someone who Needs a U.S. Visa?

The web-based nonimmigrant visa application **Form DS-160** has arrived! Every nonimmigrant visa (NIV) applicant must now complete the Form DS-160. The old paper-based forms, the DS-156, DS-157 and DS-158 are now obsolete. The DS-160 replaces all other NIV application forms.

The DS-160 is web-based. Once completed, it automatically transmits the applicant's data to the post where s/he will apply for the visa. By accessing applicant information in advance of the interview, we can conduct various forms of pre-processing, pre-screening and in turn reduce processing delays. It also means that applicants who apply for visas on a frequent basis can save their original application and simply submit the updated form.

You can find more information about the DS-160 on the Consulate General's website, amsterdam.usconsulate.gov/forms.html.

The DS-160 can be completed at, <http://ceac.state.gov/genniv>.

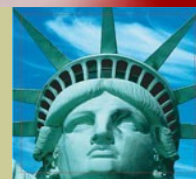
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Wreath at the Nieuwe Oosterbegraafplaats,
Amsterdam

Paying Tribute to our Fallen Heroes.

On behalf of the United States Government, Consul General Julie A. Ruterbories laid a wreath at the Nieuwe Oosterbegraafplaats, Amsterdam, in commemoration of the Dutch Memorial Day, May 4. In addition to Dutch and British soldiers and resistance fighters, four American servicemen are laid to rest here. Acting Mayor Lodewijk Asscher was also in attendance.

In the evening, Consul General Ruterbories, together with Dutch and American Community members including Mayor of Neerijnen Loes de Zeeuw-Lases and American Women's Club of Amsterdam President Kim Harrison, paid tribute to eight American airmen, buried at Opijnen. Their bomber, *Man-O-War*, a U.S. Army Air Force B-17 'Flying Fortress' crashed after being heavily damaged by German anti-aircraft fire and fighters in 1943. For more information about the crew members of this bomber, *Man-O-War*, please see:

www.awca.nl and www.basher82.nl



HUMANITY
IN ACTION

Wanted:

Host Families in Amsterdam for participants of the
Humanity in Action (HIA) program.

HIA is an international educational organization that engages, inspires, and continuously develops a network of students, young professionals, and established leaders committed to protecting minorities and promoting human rights—in their own communities and around the world. The Consulate General has been proud to host the group for the past three years for a lecture and reception as part of their program and training in The Netherlands.

Since 1999, first The Fulbright Center and now HIA organizes the Humanity in Action program. This year ten Dutch students, ten American students, and two students from Bosnia will follow a summer program on human rights and minority rights in Amsterdam. The students take part in lectures, excursions, discussions, presentations and research. Some of the topics that will be discussed are: WWII and resistance, colonialism and slavery, religion in the Netherlands, minority groups today, and refugees.

HIA is looking for people who would like to host the American participants of the HIA program from June 3 to June 30, 2010. They will need a separate room in your house in Amsterdam and they will eat with you at your home most days. In return you may participate in portions of the program.

For more information about the program and the students, or to volunteer your home, please contact Program Coordinator Christel Groot at 020-346 7339 or c.groot@humanityinaction.org.

www.humanityinaction.org

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